

Milton-under-Wychwood Summer Fete

When it comes to summer events do not believe the weather forecasters! The morning of Milton fete was best described as wet. In fact the rain at times was relentless. Nothing daunted, the volunteers were out on the green erecting marquees and gazebos. By 1pm the sun broke through and it turned into a lovely afternoon, which brought out the crowds.

The Fun Begins

Once again the fete committee had worked hard to provide a fantastic afternoon for everyone. The parade of classic cars and old tractors arrived at 1.30pm closely followed by three superb carnival floats. Then the fun began. There were stalls selling everything from local honey, books, plants, hardware from Groves' shop, cakes and bric-a-brac. Visitors were able to eat their fill of

burgers, cakes and ice-cream, washed down with tea, beer or Pimms.

Tradition Demands

As tradition demands, fairground rides were provided by Hartwell's Fair. Sadly we heard that George Hartwell had died recently, ending a link that started when he was five-years old. There was entertainment in the arena with The Saplings singing and dancing to a selection from 'Mary Poppins', Morris dancers, live music and maypole-dancing. And everything was rounded off with races for the children.

Our thanks must go to all the people who laid on such a wonderful, quintessentially English traditional fete. There is no word yet of the amount raised but it must be a goodly sum to support the local church.

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